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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/45/765)]

45/144. Torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/143 of 15 December 1989, and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/11 of 23 February 1990, 1/

Recalling also the relevant provisions of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2/ the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment 3/ and the Declaration on the Rights of the Child, 4/

Welcoming the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of the Child 5/ and the results of the World Summit for Children, in particular the adoption on

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

2/ Resolution 3452 (XXX), annex.

3/ Resolution 39/46, annex.

4/ Resolution 1386 (XIV).

5/ Resolution 44/25, annex.

30 September 1990 of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, 6/

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 7/ and in particular of the condemnation expressed therein by the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights with regard to the lack of government concern for the violation of the human rights of the children of South Africa in matters of freedom of movement and the right to education and health, 8/

1. Expresses its profound outrage at evidence of detention, torture and inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

2. Vigorously condemns the apartheid racist régime for the continued detention, torture and inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

3. Reiterates its demand for the immediate and unconditional release of all children held in detention by the apartheid régime in South Africa;

4. Reiterates its appeal to all relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to intensify the world-wide campaign aimed at drawing attention to, monitoring and exposing these inhuman practices;

5. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to continue to pay special attention to the question of detention, torture and other inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Decides to consider this question at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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6/ A/45/625, annex.

7/ A/45/615.

8/ Ibid., para. 8 (para. 229 of the quoted text).